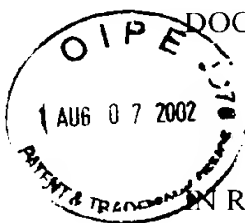


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 7, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

2-6/ (Amended) A method for treating hypertension comprising:
administering a composition comprising:

(A) a compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid and ferulic acid, or an ester or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and

(B) an organic acid having a molecular weight ranging from 60 to 300 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein said organic acid is not citric acid.